

FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING POLICY

PROPOSAL DATE: July 14, 2004

TITLE: Portable Heaters

ISSUE: GSA has found that the use of portable heaters is widespread throughout NCR.

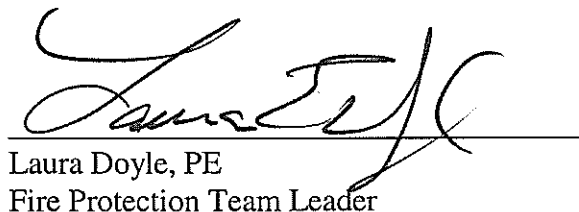
BACKGROUND: GSA does not allow portable heaters in office space because of their inherent fire hazard. On February 1, 2004 in One Skyline Tower, a portable heater was left on over the weekend. The heater started a fire on Sunday which caused considerable damage to the office space before the fire department could extinguish the fire.

Portable heaters are also prohibited under 41 CFR 102-74.190 unless authorized by the GSA building manager or agency that has been given delegated authority to perform building management functions.

POLICY STATEMENT: Portable heaters are not permitted to be used in federal buildings.

APPROVAL DATE: 7/14/2004

Concur:


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